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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to accept the following response to the Restriction and Election Requirement mailed July 1, 2004 (Paper No. 09981318), to enter the following amendments and to consider the remarks herein.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including September 1, 2004 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-4 and cancel Claim 5 entirely without prejudice and without disclaimer.

Please add new claims 6-9.